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Examiner Sikyin Ip
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Re: Informal communication re U.S. Patent Application No.
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Osamu MUNEKATA et al
Lead-Free Solder Alloy
My reference: 1051

Dear Examiner Ip:

I have attached a declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 prepared by one of the inventors of this application and a proposed amendment to the claims. Claim 13 has been amended to specify the upper limit on the Cu content. Claims 34 - 36 and 40 - 41 have been cancelled as redundant. New claims 42 - 44 are allowable as depending from claims 13 or 16.

Sincerely,



Michael Tobias

Attachments

declaration under 37 CFR 1.132

5 pages of text

9 figures

2 tables

proposed claim amendments (3 pages)